Funds for drinking water and sanitation projects for Kerala

393. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN :Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to the Government of Kerala towards drinking water and sanitation project during the current year and whether Government consider to allot further assistance towards these projects, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the sanitation process to the aided schools in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the amount proposed to be sanctioned towards the above projects and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) An amount of Rs. 784.65 lakh has been allocated to Government of Kerala for taking up drinking water supply projects under Swajaldhara scheme during the current year 2005-06. Besides an amount of Rs. 6015.85 lakh has been released to Government of Kerala under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) (Normal) during the current year. Under ARWSP (Normal), funds are released based on the criterion laid down under ARWSP guidelines. These releases are not project based. State Governments are, however, empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from these funds. Subject to the savings and performance of the States, additional releases to the States are considered. In so far as Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is concerned, there is no state-wise allocation of funds. However, in the current financial year an amount of Rs. 470 lakh has been released for TSC projects in Kerala.

(b) and (c) At present school toilet blocks are sanctioned only in rural Government schools and not to the aided schools.

Projects approved under PMGSY, JRY, IAW, RGY in Himachal Pradesh

†394. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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